(b) As per the report received from the State Government of Gujarat, the number of lions killed during the last one year (month wise), till July 31st, 2007 is as below:

SI. No.	Month	Lions killed
1	August - 06	1
2	January - 07	1
3	March - 07	6
4	April - 07	2

(c) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Chanting of Vedic Mantras in American Senate

†1276. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether American Senate commenced the proceedings with chanting of Vedic Mantras;

(b) whether it was met with any opposition;

(c) the information provided by Embassy thereon alongwith the reasons given for the opposition; and

(d) in what way the concepts contained in these mantras relates to world peace?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Government of India have seen reports that on July 12, 2007, the session of the US Senate was opened with the chanting of Vedic mantras. This was at the Initiative of the Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, who represents Nevada in the Senate. This event produced a reaction from three protestors in the public galleries, who were evicted by security personnel.

(d) Concepts contained in these mantras promote universal peace.

Nuclear agreement between Russia and Myanmar

†1277. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Myanmar has signed a nuclear agreement with Russia;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.